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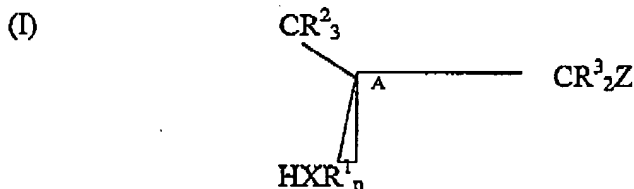
Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An enantiomerically pure compound of the formula I wherein X is N and n is 1



wherein A is an enantiomerically pure centre CH; Z is hydrogen or fluoro;

and wherein R^1 is selected from hydrogen or from straight chain or branched, saturated or unsaturated C_{1-8} hydrocarbon optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy, halo, aryl, cyclo C_{1-8} alkyl;

each R^3 is independently selected from halo, except when $Z = F$, then $R^3 \neq F$; or straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated C_{1-4} alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl;

each optionally substituted by hydroxy, halo, saturated or unsaturated C_{1-4} alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, aryl, cyclo C_{1-6} alkyl, carbonyl, carboxyl, amino, amido;

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each R^2 is independently selected from hydrogen, aryl, straight chain or branched, saturated or unsaturated C_{1-8} alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl; each optionally substituted by hydroxy, aryl, cyclo C_{1-6} alkyl, carbonyl, carboxyl, amino, or amido, ~~or aryl~~; and

one R^1 and one of R^2 together may form an alkylene group as part of a heterocyclic ring;

with the proviso that when two of R^2 are hydrogen, CR^3_2 is CPh_2 and Z is hydrogen, R^1 and the other R^2 do not form together a five membered heterocyclic (pyrrolidone) ring; and wherein CR^3_2Z does not comprise a chiral center.

Claims 12-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (original) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein R^3 is selected from a group consisting of ethenyl, ethynyl and optionally substituted phenyl.

Claim 16 (original) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one R^3 is aryl.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein R^2 is selected from a group consisting of optionally hydroxyl, aryl or alkoxy substituted branched and straight chain C_{1-6} alkyl.

Claim 18 (original) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein X is nitrogen, n is 1 and R^1 is H.

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Claim 19 (currently amended) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein each R^2 is independently selected from hydrogen or aryl ~~C₁₋₈ alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl substituted by aryl.~~

Claim 20 (original) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one R^3 is aryl.

Claim 21 (original) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein R^2 is phenyl or benzyl.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The compound as claimed in claim 11, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, CR^2_3 is CH_2Ph , CR^3_2 is CPh_2 and Z is hydrogen as shown in formula III:

